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1. FOLLOWING IS SERIAL REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL.

A. METHADONE TREATMENT AD MODUM DOLE AND NYSWANDER IS PERMITTED UNDER SPECIAL REGULATIONS ISSUED JUNE 1, 1972 BY NATIONAL BOARD OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SOCIALSTYRELSEN). PERMISSION FOR TREATMENT IS GRANTED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. HEROIN MAINTENANCE IS NOT RPT NOT USED AS FORM OF TREATMENT.

B. METHADONE TREATMENT CONCENTRATED AT ULLERAKERS HOSPITAL, UPPSALA, SWEDEN, UNDER PROFESSOR L.M. GUNNE. EXPERIMENTAL USE AT ULLERAKER'S RESEARCH CLINIC COMMENCED 1967 WITH 1970 REPORT ASSESSING THAT "METHADONE SUPPORT HAS A PLACE IN THE THERAPY OF CERTAIN OPIUM NARCOTIC ADDICTS". APPROXIMATELY 35 PATIENTS PRESENTLY UNDER METHADONE TREATMENT, 20 HAVING ENTERED PROGRAM

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SINCE ISSUANCE OF JUNE 1, 1972 REGULATIONS.

C. THERE ARE NO RPT NO REGULATIONS PROHIBITING TREATMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS. TREATMENT ACCORDED ON SAME BASIS AS TO SWEDISH NATIONALS EXCEPT FOR COST FACTOR WHEN PATIENT IS NOT RPT NOT ENROLLED UNDER SWEDISH NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM. THUS FAR ONLY FOREIGNERS PARTICIPATING IN METHADONE PROGRAM HAVE BEEN A FEW DANES BEING TREATED IN COOPERATION WITH DANISH AUTHORITIES. BOARD OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND BOARD OF CUSTOMS HAD TO GIVE SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR IMPORTATION OF METHADONE BEING USED BY DANES UNDER TREATMENT.

D. COPY OF JUNE 1, 1972 REGULATION BEING FORWARDED WITH INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION. MAJOR JANUARY 1973 STUDY OF SWEDISH HANDLING OF NARCOTICS OFFENSES ALSO BEING FORWARDED. CHAPTER 9 DEVOTED TO TREATMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING SECTION ON METHADONE. REGRET AVAILABLE ONLY IN SWEDISH.

E/F. NATIONAL POLICE BOARD SAYS THERE ARE NO LAWS OR REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY GOVERNING TRAVEL OF ALIEN NARCOTIC ADDICTS INTO OR WITHIN SWEDEN. ADDICTION ALONE IS NOT RPT NOT GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION OR RESTRICTION. EXCLUSION MAY OCCUR IF ADDICT IS FOUND CARRYING ILLICIT SUBSTANCE, BUT THIS WILL BE BASED ON GROUNDS OTHER THAN ADDICTION.

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